

Options.

When it comes to pools, there really is an unlimited amount of options that one can add to any pool. The addition of these items revolves around your budget and the capability of your pool builder. Here is a list of the what we would say are the most commonly added options. Of course, there are many other things that can be added. If you're interested in an item not listed here, your pool pro can give you more info about your desired option.



Automatic Pool Covers. Pool covers are typically the largest expense added to a pool project. This type cover is the ultimate in securing the pool so that no one can get into the pool without going through extreme measures to do so. Besides fantastic security measures, the auto cover provides the best solution in reducing evaporation – the leading reason for higher operating costs. Typical costs range from **\$9,000-15,000.00** depending on type installation, there are several. We are excited and proud to offer the Coverstar brand of automatic pool cover.



Heaters and Heat Pumps. In our climate, the biggest benefit we see is that a homeowner often opens their pool earlier in the year (end of April to beginning of May) and they also keep it open longer (middle of to the end of October). The additions of an auto cover, solar blanket, and other items we offer in our installations allows one to help retain much of the heat in the pool. Prices for heaters and heat pumps range from **\$2,000-5,000**. Pentair is the brand Elite Pools offer, they are great systems.



Salt Chlorination System. These systems have become very popular and for good reason: salt chlorination systems reduce red eye (if not eliminating it), is gentler on skin, hair and bathing suits and eliminates having to handle harsh chemicals. It also helps maintain very stable pH and alkalinity levels so spikes in those levels are eliminated which reduces the need to purchase addition chemicals to correct those spikes. Adding this system pays huge dividend immediately and quickly pays for itself. Systems range in price from **\$1,500-\$2,500.00**. The IntelliChlor System by Pentair is a quality product we like to install.



Safety Covers. This cover offers a great way to secure the pool when the pool is closed and can serve as a winter cover for the pool as well. It is a trampoline style cover in mesh or solid finishes with spring loaded mechanisms secured over adjustable anchors that are drilled into the concrete deck. The anchors lay flat when not in use. It requires time and strength to install and remove so every day use may not be practical. Typical cost for a cover varies due to size and style but range from **\$1,000-5,000**. We are excited to offer the CoverStar brand of safety covers.



Water Features. There are a few water features that are available with every pool. They add a very unique characteristics to the pool. They include cascades which are available in widths of 18"-96", costs range – \$300-\$3,000); waterfalls, \$1,000 and up; and water spouts or deck jets, \$600 and up. There are many options with the waterfall addition...main made feature or real rock? It's a matter of budget desired finish look.



Pool Coping and Pavers. This is a great upgrade from the standard (standard by Elite Pools) cantilever deck. Both the cantilever and coping stone really finish the pool nicely but the coping stone really provides an superior finish and looks fantastic. Often, the pool coping is backed by standard broom finish concrete but can be backed by pavers. Prices range substantially; the addition of pool coping alone can start at **\$3,000-4,000** and move upward from there; it's all about lineal feet. The price for pavers behind the pool coping are based on square footage. With some measuring, your pool pro can provide some estimates on this feature.



Slides – What a lot of fun slides are around a pool. Slides come in many shapes and sizes from the 4'tall simple slide to the pictured Vortex by SR Smith. On average they range in price from **\$1,200 - \$5,000**. It is critical that the slide chute ends up placed in the right direction to accommodate the slider landing in the water. There is a minimum depth required by all manufacturers for each slide, your pool pro will make sure the depth matches the recommended depth.



Fence – Every homeowner should strive to keep unwanted people from gaining access to the pool and pool area. The most common method and usually a requirement by almost every municipality in the US is a fence. Standard pool fence is elegant and looks very good. Some homeowners choose to enclose the immediate area around the pool whereas some choose to enclose an entire back yard. Maintenance free aluminum, wrought iron looking fence, is a popular choice; one can choose a vinyl or wooden privacy fence also. Your pool pro can check local codes to make sure the right type is recommended. Prices for fence range start at around **\$30** per lineal foot and up plus gates and hardware, self-closing hinges and locking mechanism(s).